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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 897

**Introduced by ~~Committee on Housing and Community Development~~
(~~Mendoza (Chair), Harkey (Vice Chair), De La Torre, Eng,~~
~~Fletcher, Ma, and Saldana)~~ Assembly Members Torres and Bass**

February 26, 2009

~~An act to amend Section 798.2 of the Civil Code, relating to mobilehomes.~~ *An act to add Chapter 11.7 (commencing with Section 50819) to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing assistance, making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 897, as amended, ~~Committee on Housing and Community Development Torres. Mobilehomes.~~ *Housing assistance: Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.*

Existing law establishes various housing assistance programs directed by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

This bill would establish the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program within the department for the purpose of distributing funds to 2 specified populations of individuals and families facing housing instability, estimated at approximately \$44 million, provided by the federal Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This bill would also establish the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Account within the Federal Trust Fund, a continuously appropriate fund, for the purpose of accepting and distributing these federal funds.

~~The Mobilehome Residency Law generally regulates tenancies within a mobilehome park.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~no~~-yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~
yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11.7 (commencing with Section 50819)
2 is added to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code,
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 11.7. HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID
6 RE-HOUSING PROGRAM

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8 50819. As used in this chapter, the following definitions shall
9 have the following meanings:

10 (a) "Account" means the Homeless Prevention and Rapid
11 Re-Housing Account established by this chapter.

12 (b) "Department" means the Department of Housing and
13 Community Development.

14 (c) "Homeless" means living in an emergency or transitional
15 shelter or without shelter, including, but not limited to, living on
16 a street.

17 (d) "Program" means the Homeless Prevention and Rapid
18 Re-Housing Program established by this chapter.

19 50819.5. (a) The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
20 Program is hereby established in the department for the purpose
21 of distributing funds, estimated at approximately \$44 million,
22 provided by the federal Homeless Prevention and Rapid
23 Re-Housing Program established under the American Recovery
24 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5). The program is
25 authorized to undertake only the four following categories of
26 activities:

27 (1) Provide financial assistance.

28 (2) Provide housing relocation and stabilization services.

29 (3) Collect and evaluate data.

30 (4) Pay administrative costs of the program.

1 **(b)** Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code,
2 the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Account is hereby
3 established as an account in the Federal Trust Fund, established
4 pursuant to Section 16360 of the Government Code, for the purpose
5 of accepting and distributing funds provided by the federal
6 Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program established
7 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

8 50820. To the extent allowed by the federal American Recovery
9 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and other federal law, moneys in
10 the account shall be used to serve only two populations facing
11 housing instability:

12 **(a)** Individuals and families who have housing, but are at risk
13 of becoming homeless and need temporary assistance paying rent
14 or utilities or assistance moving to another rental unit to prevent
15 them from becoming homeless.

16 **(b)** Individuals and families who are homeless and need
17 temporary assistance to obtain and retain housing.

18 50820.5. To receive any assistance from the program, every
19 individual shall meet each of the following requirements:

20 **(a)** The individual's household shall be at or below 50 percent
21 of the Area Median Income (AMI).

22 **(b)** The individual's household shall have no identifiable
23 appropriate housing option, as defined by the department.

24 **(c)** The individual's household lacks the financial resources
25 and support network needed to obtain immediate housing or remain
26 in existing housing.

27 50821. As a precondition to receiving rental assistance, an
28 individual shall have an initial consultation with a case manager
29 to determine need.

30 ~~SECTION 1. Section 798.2 of the Civil Code is amended to~~
31 ~~read:~~

32 ~~798.2. "Management" means the owner of a mobilehome park~~
33 ~~or an agent or representative authorized to act on his or her behalf~~
34 ~~in connection with matters relating to a tenancy in the park.~~